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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** Conversation with Mr. Burton Berry of  
the State Department, 19 September 1951.

1. In accordance with a telephone request, I called on Mr. Berry of the Department of State on 19 September 1951. Mr. Berry asked whether I had seen King Zog recently and brought up the subject of visas for Zog's sisters, whom the King would like to bring to the United States when he occupies the house which he has recently bought on Long Island. He mentioned that he thought it would be a nice gesture and a useful thing if we, i.e. OFC, were to try to help the King in securing the necessary visas for the sisters and stated that he quite agreed with my own views on the subject. He recommended that I take the matter up with EE in the Department and asked me whom I would propose to deal with on this subject. When I mentioned John Campbell, he indicated his agreement that Campbell is the best man to approach and said that if I desired his support, he would be glad to give it.

2. Mr. Berry then said he had recently seen Mr. Visoianu and that the latter had mentioned the fact that other national committees within which rifts had developed were receiving aid from the National Committee for Free Europe and that it would seem only fair if the Rumanian Committee could be treated in the same way. Mr. Berry pointed out that he was inclined to sympathize with Mr. Visoianu's views that both the King and the Rumanian National Committee could be very useful to us some day and that he did not feel at all sure that the National Committee for Free Europe is handling the Rumanian Committee in the right way. I explained to Mr. Berry that within the NCFE there were people who were on excellent terms with the rival Rumanian organization and that I felt that the influence of these people was probably in part responsible for the manner in which the question had been handled in the past. I then mentioned the fact that the NCFE is renewing its efforts to bring about some sort of amicable settlement between the rival groups and that it was my understanding that C. D. Jackson is planning to extend an invitation to Mr. Visoianu and one or two other members of the Rumanian Committee to attend a dinner in New York

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at which Jackson and several members of the Association of Free Rumanians would be present, with a view to exploring once more the possibilities for a rapprochement. I also told Mr. Berry that I indicated to Mr. Visoianu the other day that should he be approached by the WCFE in the near future, he should examine their proposals with an open mind and in the cooperative spirit and should not assume a stubborn attitude. Mr. Berry stated that he was greatly interested in the Rumanian problem because of his own past connections with that country and that he would like to keep in touch with the matter, although it was not his direct responsibility. He stated that he felt his experience could possibly be useful to us and he also added that should it ever become desirable, he would be prepared to talk with Mr. Grew in regard to Rumanian matters and try to explain the position of people like Mr. Devilla in the proper perspective. I thanked Mr. Berry for his interest and told him that we are always pleased to have a chance to discuss Rumanian matters with him and to benefit by his experience and from his views.

3. Mr. Berry asked me whether I saw much of [redacted]. I replied that I had not seen as much of [redacted] as I would have liked to, but that I did see him occasionally. Mr. Berry then said that he strongly recommended that I discuss Rumanian and other matters with [redacted] from time to time, since [redacted] has had a great deal of experience and his ideas could be helpful.

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